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*Amalgamation of Muslim and non-Muslim schools by local bodies.*

* 528 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some of the local bodies have been amalgamating Muslim schools with non-Muslim schools?

*A.*—Government are not aware of any such amalgamations.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Is it not necessary, where there is not sufficient strength in a Muslim school, under the consolidation scheme, that the District Educational Officer should amalgamate that school with a non-Muslim school, by appointing an Urdu teacher wherever necessary? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The order does not contain any specific directions on that point, but the scheme would be framed with a view to achieve the maximum amount of amalgamation possible under the local conditions."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Is it not a fact that the Government of Madras issued a Government Order some time back asking the local boards to appoint a Muslim teacher in a non-Muslim school instead of opening a separate Muslim school for the use of the Muslim pupils? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" Is it not a fact that these schools have been brought into existence and are allowed to exist on account of the necessity for giving vernacular instruction to the students and on account of the fact also that the Mussalmans are backward in education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice."

Mahboob Ali Baig Sahib Bahadur:—" Are the Government aware that the Muslim community in general is opposed to the amalgamation scheme? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" My hon. Friend is not correct in saying that they are definitely opposed to it. They want certain safeguards before the amalgamation takes place. That is what the Muslim Education Committee has recommended."

Mahboob Ali Baig Sahib Bahadur:—" What are the conditions which they expect to be fulfilled before the amalgamation, may I know? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I cannot recollect them all now; they are several, I think."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" If the committee did make any such recommendations, it must have been in the expectation that the Government, before bringing about amalgamation, will see that those conditions are satisfied; do the Government know that amalgamation has been going on without even fulfilling those conditions? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Government will, of course, most carefully scrutinize any scheme that may come up before them; but they cannot undertake that they will examine this particular question or that."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Have not other communities also objected to that scheme?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Oh, yes."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know whether any orders have been passed upon the recommendations of the Muslim Education Committee?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Yes, in regard to some portions; in regard to others, no orders have yet been passed."

*Provision of a dining hall to the Madrasa-i-Azam and Muhammadan College.*

* 529 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is no dining hall for the students of the Government Madrasa-i-Azam and Muhammadan College; and

(b) whether any arrangement has been made for providing them with sufficiently large dining rooms in the new buildings?

A.—The new hostel buildings which are nearing completion will provide dining accommodation for those students living in the hostel.

It is also proposed to provide tiffin rooms for the day students at the College, but plans and estimates for these rooms have not yet been finally sanctioned.

After the buildings now occupied by the College are handed back to the school, it is hoped to provide suitable dining accommodation for the students of the Madrasa-i-Azam.

*Measures for the employment of qualified hands in the training schools for Muslim women.*

* 530 Q.—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state what steps the Government are taking to supply qualified hands to the training schools for Muslim women?

A.—Qualified Muslim women, when available, are posted to the schools referred to. If they are not available, non-Muslim women teachers with the required qualifications are posted.